Scam in the transportation of coal

425. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee of MPs have brought out a scam of Rs. 25,000 crores in the transportation of coal from South Eastern Coalfields Limited company and whether the PMO has directed the CBI to inquire into the matter;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) A Group of Members of Parliament (MPs) was constituted to visit South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and make suggestions on inadequacies, if any, in the system and operation of SECL and particularly, in respect of Coal loading and transportation. Even though they have found some short-commings in the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Scheme of Coal transportation work in SECL in their report, there is no mention of Rs. 25000 crores scam. Based on the recommendations of Committee, Prime Minister (as Minister of Coal) has approved that CBI may examine all relevant records and documents concerning sources of finance and audit reports to find out if the ESM companies are being used as front companies by other vested interests.

As these ESM companies are regulated and sponsored by Director General Resettlement, Ministry of Defence, a communication has been sent to Ministry of Defence in this regard accordingly for taking necessary action.

Transportation of coal

†426. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies/transporters who have been assigned the job of transportation of coal in South-Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) the quantum of coal in tonne transported every month in this coal field;

(c) whether complaints of irregularities in transportation of coal in this coalfield have been received;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that transportation of coal from coal mines has been in huge quantum but despatch has been got registered short;

(f) whether investigation has been conducted against the officers found guilty in the complaints; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) There are 22 companies/transporters who have been assigned the job of transportation

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of coal from face to surface and 28 companies/transporters who have been assigned the job of transportation of coal from surface to surface in South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL). The face to surface transportation is done by Ex-Servicemen (ESM) Companies and surface to surface transportation is done by Civilian Transport Contractors. The names of ESM Companies and Civilian Transport Contractors are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively.

(b) On an average, 84.91 lakh tonnes of coal per month is transported in SECL.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. So far 13 complaints of irregularities in transportation of coal in SECL have been received. These complaints relate to irregularities in the operation of ESM companies, source of finance of ESM companies, nexus between the officials of SECL and ESM companies, role of private washery namely Aryan Coal Beneficiation Private Limited in the sale of good quality coal in the name of coal rejects etc.

(e) In opencast mine, coal is transported mostly from face to point of despatch (Siding) and some quantity of coal is transported from face to surface stockyard/crusher/CHP and then re-transported from surface stockyard/crusher/CHP to point of despatch (Siding). As the same quantity of coal is transported again and again, the total coal transported appears to be more than the actual despatch. It may be mentioned that the total coal transported during the year 2006-07 is 101.90 million tonnes, while the total coal off take during the year 2006-07 is 86.17 million tonnes.

(f) and (g) In the investigations conducted so far, including CBI inquiry, no officer has been found guilty. As such, the question of taking action against any officer does not arise.

Statement-I

List of Ex-Servicemen (ESM) companies engaged in face to surface coal transportation in SECL

1. Chhattisgarh Coal Tpt. (P) Ltd.
2. Swastik Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
3. M/s. Shawhney Coal Tpt. (P) Ltd.
4. Arjuna Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
5. Nirpender Logistic (P) Ltd.
6. V.S. Coal Carriers Pvt. Ltd.
7. Saksham Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
8. V.N. Transport (P) Ltd.
9. Korba Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
10. Anupama Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
11. Gevra Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
12. HN Coal Transport (P) Ltd.
13. Sumati Coal Transport (P) Ltd.
14. Nishant Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
15. Joginder Coal Tpt. (P) Ltd.
16. Kusmunda Coal Tpt. (P) Ltd.
17. Shree Ganraj Coal Tpt (P) Ltd.

18. Kanwal Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
19. Shivam Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
20. Gayatri Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
21. Vinayak ESM Coal Carriers (P) Ltd.
22. M/s. Leo Coal Movers (P) Ltd.

Statement-II

List of Civilian Transport Contractors engaged in surface to surface coal transportation in SECL

1. Sainik Mining and Allied Services Ltd., Korba
2. Arunodaya Coal Agency, Nawapara-Rajim
3. AK Transport, D-26, Nehru Nagar, Kusmunda
4. Associated builders and Contractors, Annupur (MP)
5. M/s. Niranjanlal Agrawal, Korba
6. Jet Construction and Carriers, Shahdol (MP)
7. M/s. Baghel Brothers, Shahdol (MP)
8. Surender Singh Chhatwal & Co., Korba
9. Singh Transporters, Bilaspur
10. Madanlal Agrawal, Korba
11. MN Singh, Bhadra Colliery, Shahdol
12. Ramesh Kumar, C/o. Shiv Shakti Transport, Surguja
13. Prahalad Rai Agrawal, Surguja
14. Goyal Transport, Surguja (MP)
15. Baba Mastnath Transporters Pvt. Ltd., Surguja
16. Rungta Projects Ltd., Hazaribagh
17. Tirupati Road Lines, Ambikapur
18. Bajranglal Agrawal, Dist. Surguja
19. Sardar Road Lines, Shahdol
20. Shree Satya Narayan Transport Co., Katni
21. Universal Carriers, Raniganj
22. Integral Construction Co., Vijayawada
23. T. Vilas Reddy, Nellore
24. Ramesh Construction Co., Bilaspur
25. Coal Man, Bilaspur
26. IRC Logistics Ltd., Kolkata
27. Hindustan Steel Works Constructions Ltd., Bilaspur
28. RKTC & Coalman (JV), Korba